

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) An adhesive-backed film application tool for applying an adhesive-backed film to a first surface of an adherend, said adherend further including a second surface, said tool comprising:

a directing structure adapted to engage said second surface of said adherend;

an application structure pivotably coupled to said directing structure, with said application structure comprising:

at least one element for applying the adhesive-backed film to said first surface,

guide structure for properly locating said adhesive-backed film relative to said applying element and said first surface, with said guide structure having a movable guide surface capable of being located in a first position corresponding to a first dimension of said adhesive-backed film and a second position corresponding to a second dimension of said adhesive-backed film, and

a main body;

an element for biasing said directing and application structures toward one another such that said directing and application structures are capable of being releasably clamped to said adherend; and

~~——said application structure including at least one element for applying the adhesive-backed film to said first surface and guide structure for properly locating said adhesive-backed film relative to said applying element and said first surface, said guide structure having a movable guide surface capable of being located in a first position corresponding to a first dimension of said adhesive-backed film and a second position corresponding to a second dimension of said adhesive-backed film; and~~

releasably coupling structure for releasably coupling said movable guide surface in said first position,

wherein said guide structure comprises a guide assembly which is movable relative to said main body, and said guide assembly comprises a guide plate having a surface defining said movable guide surface, and an element for biasing said guide surface toward said second position.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) An adhesive-backed film application tool for applying an adhesive-backed film to a first surface of an adherend, said adherend further including a second surface, said tool comprising:

a directing structure adapted to engage said second surface of said adherend;

an application structure coupled to said directing structure;

an element for biasing said directing and application structures toward one another such that said directing and application structures are capable of being releasably clamped to said adherend;

said application structure including at least one element for applying the adhesive-backed film to said first surface, guide structure for properly locating said adhesive-backed film relative to said applying element and said first surface, and a main body, said guide structure having a movable guide surface capable of being located in a first position corresponding to a first dimension of said adhesive-backed film and a second position corresponding to a second dimension of said adhesive-backed film, said guide structure comprising a guide assembly which is movable relative to said main body, ~~said guide assembly comprising~~; and

releasably coupling structure for releasably coupling said movable guide surface in said first position,

wherein said guide assembly comprises:

a guide plate having a surface defining said movable guide surface;

an element for biasing said guide surface toward said second position;

an engagement bar;

at least one slide rod passing through a bore in said main body and being fixedly coupled to said engagement bar and said guide plate; and

a spring defining said biasing element, engaging said engagement bar and biasing said engagement bar and said guide plate to a second location such that said movable guide surface is located in said second position.

26. (Previously Presented) An adhesive-backed film application tool as set forth in claim 25, wherein said directing structure comprises a lever which is capable of engaging said engagement bar to move said engagement bar against said spring such that said engagement bar and said guide plate are moved to a first location where said movable guide surface is located in said first position.

27. (Previously Presented) An adhesive-backed film application tool as set forth in claim 25, wherein said releasably coupling structure comprises a first magnetic element and a second magnetic element, said first and second magnetic elements releasably coupling said engagement bar to said main body when said engagement bar and said guide plate are moved to a first location.

28. (Previously Presented) An adhesive-backed film application tool as set forth in claim 27, wherein said guide plate comprises a section which engages a portion of said adherend approximately where said first surface of said adherend changes widths, said adherend portion causing said guide plate to move toward said main body while said engagement bar moves away from said main body such that said first and second magnetic elements are separated sufficiently to allow said spring to move said engagement bar and said guide plate to said second location.

29. (Previously Presented) An adhesive-backed film application tool as set forth in claim 25, wherein said releasably coupling structure comprises a first connector element and a second connector element, said second connector element being releasably engageable with said first connector element so as to releasably couple said engagement bar to said main body when said engagement bar and said guide plate are moved to a first location.

30. (Currently Amended) An adhesive-backed film application tool as set forth in claim 23 21, wherein said guide structure further comprises a lower guide plate which is spaced from and fixed in position relative to said main body, said lower guide plate having a surface defining a fixed guide surface which is spaced from said movable guide surface by a distance substantially equal to said first dimension when said movable guide surface is located in said first position and is spaced from said movable guide surface by a distance substantially equal to said second dimension when said movable guide surface is located in said second position.

31. (Previously Presented) An adhesive-backed film application tool as set forth in claim 30, wherein said guide structure further comprises an outer guide which is spaced from said at least one applying element so as to define a gap for receiving said adhesive-backed film and an accompanying release liner.

32. (Currently Amended) An adhesive-backed film application tool for applying an adhesive-backed film having at least first and second widths to a first surface of an adherend, said adherend further including a second surface, said tool comprising:

a directing structure adapted to engage said second surface of said adherend;

an application structure pivotably coupled to said directing structure; and

an element for biasing said directing and application structures toward one another such that said directing and application structures are capable of being releasably clamped to said adherend, [[;]] and

wherein said application structure comprises; including

at least one element for applying the adhesive-backed film to said first surface,

a main body, and

guide structure for properly locating said adhesive-backed film relative to said element and said first surface, with said guide structure having a manually movable guide surface capable of being located in a first position corresponding to said first width of said adhesive-backed film and a second position corresponding to said second width of said adhesive-backed film, said guide structure comprising a guide assembly which is

movable relative to said main body, and said guide assembly comprising a guide plate having a surface defining said movable guide surface, and an element biasing said guide surface toward said second position.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) An adhesive-backed film application tool for applying an adhesive-backed film having at least first and second widths to a first surface of an adherend, said adherend further including a second surface, said tool comprising:

a directing structure adapted to engage said second surface of said adherend;

an application structure pivotably coupled to said directing structure, with said application structure comprising:

at least one element for applying the adhesive-backed film to said first surface,

guide structure for properly locating said adhesive-backed film relative to said element and said first surface, and

a main body,

wherein said guide structure has a manually movable guide surface capable of being located in a first position corresponding to said first width of said adhesive-backed film and a second position corresponding to said second width of said adhesive-backed film, said guide structure comprising a guide assembly which is movable relative to said main body; and

an element for biasing said directing and application structures toward one another such that said directing and application structures are capable of being releasably clamped to said adherend, ~~[[;]]~~ and

~~said application structure including at least one element for applying the adhesive-backed film to said first surface, guide structure for properly locating said adhesive-backed film relative to said element and said first surface, and a main body, said guide structure having a manually movable guide surface capable of being located in a first position corresponding to said first width of said adhesive-backed film and a second position corresponding to said second width of~~

~~said adhesive-backed film, said guide structure comprising a guide assembly which is movable relative to said main body,~~

wherein said guide assembly comprises:

a guide plate having a surface defining said movable guide surface;

an element biasing said guide surface toward said second position;

an engagement bar;

at least one slide rod passing through a bore in said main body and being fixedly coupled to said engagement bar and said guide plate; and

a spring defining said biasing element, engaging said engagement bar and biasing said engagement bar and said guide plate to a second location such that said movable guide surface is located in said second position.

36. (Previously Presented) An adhesive-backed film application tool as set forth in claim 35, wherein said engagement bar is capable of being manually engaged to move said engagement bar against said spring such that said engagement bar and said guide plate are moved to a first location where said movable guide surface is located in said first position.

37. (Previously Presented) An adhesive-backed film application tool as set forth in claim 32, wherein said guide surface is manually movable to said first position.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Cancelled)